



ERASMUS

Bilbao - Spain



University of Deusto

Some facts

- Next to the Guggenheim museum
- Two campuses (San Sebastian-Bilbao)
- 12460 Students (2018-2019)
- Spanish / English

Before you leave...

As part of the Joint Master's Degree in Sustainable Automotive Engineering, I had the option of going on a three month stay to Bordeaux or Bilbao. As this poster suggests, I went to Bilbao. I always wanted to study abroad to expand my professional network across Europe. The first reason why I picked Bilbao was the topics they offered. These courses were closely related to my personal interest. Beside the relevant courses, the University of Deusto has a great reputation inside Spain and across Europe.

Some things you should know about Bilbao:

- People in the street often don't speak English, but they will always try to understand and help you. Students and all academic staff in the university do speak English.
- The weather is similar to Belgium but averagely 5 degrees warmer.
- Accommodation can be easily arranged with the university's services.
- Living costs are cheaper compared to Antwerp



During your stay...

The University of Deusto is located in the centre of Bilbao. Across the river you can find the Guggenheim museum. Because of the location and the great public transport, it is easily reachable from anywhere in the city. The university professors work interactively with the students resulting in good quality lectures. This method allowed me to talk to the professors about my ideas and future. One of the professors later became the promotor of my master thesis and internship, which I also conducted in Bilbao (duration: one year 2018-2019). I worked for DeustoTech, which is a research group located inside the university.

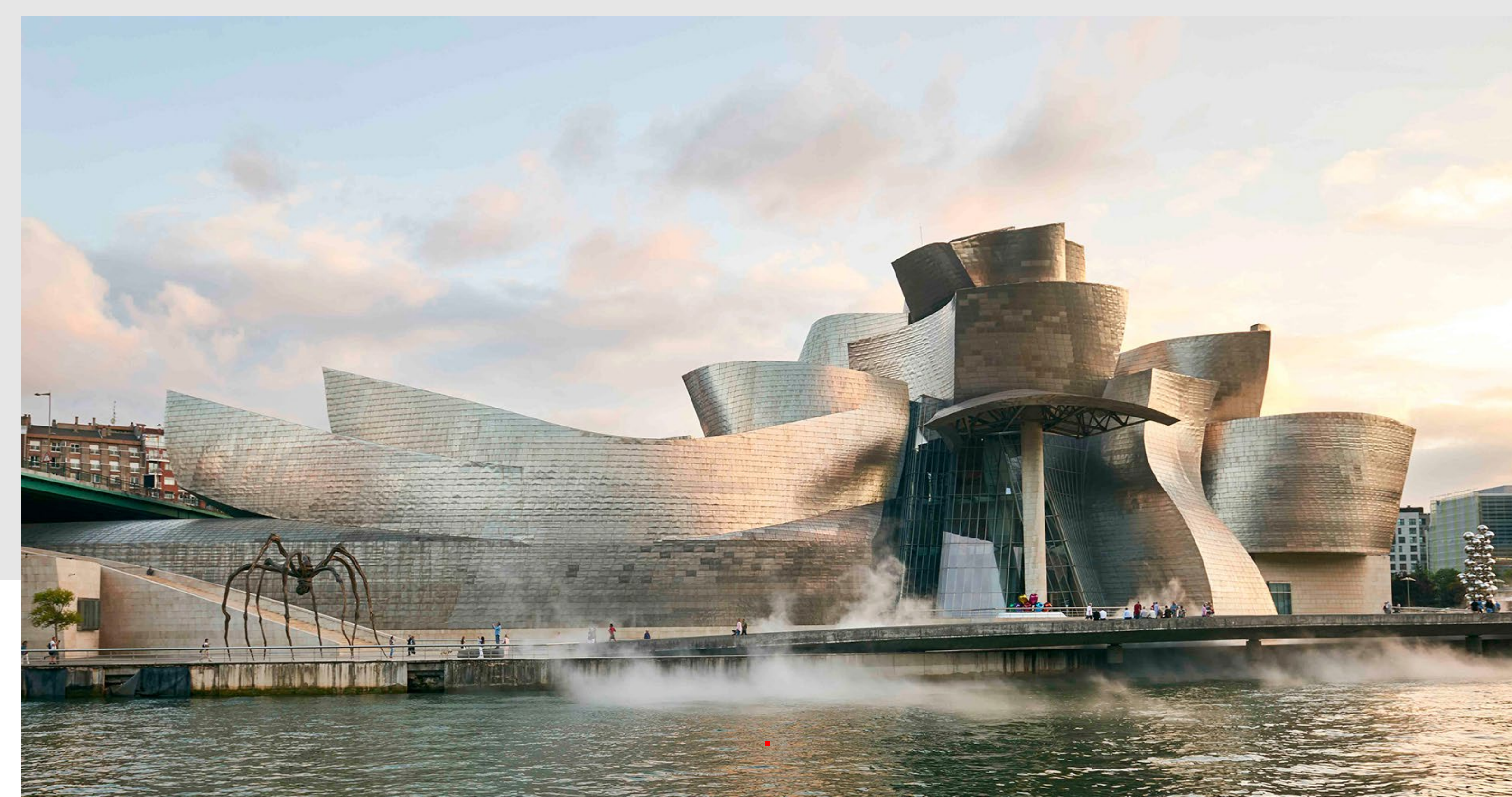


During my stay I spent my free time surfing, discovering the surrounding nature and exploring the student life. I had most interaction with other international students and some local colleagues. I quickly picked up some Spanish courses which allowed me to communicate with people in shops and restaurants etc. Regarding the nightlife in Bilbao, there are a lot of options and some are even dedicated to Erasmus students.

When you return...

Here are a couple of results from my international stay:

- I feel more like a world citizen instead of a local from Antwerp
- I travelled to more than 6 countries due to the established social network
- I still work closely together with the DeustoTech even though I work for the University of Antwerp at this moment
- My international stay contributed to my professional profile. A lot of companies showed interest due to this experience



Consider all opportunities you are offered, some will change your life.